

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, insert and center**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.**

**Page 2, between the third and fourth paragraphs, insert and center**

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.**

**Page 3, first full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following paragraph:**

As a result of these features, it is no longer necessary to power the keyboard keys permanently. When the user places a finger on one of the touch-sensitive keys of the keyboard corresponding to the character or operation which he wishes to effect, he simultaneously presses down on the portable object with his finger. Detecting the application of pressure on the portable object, the strain gauge generates, in a conventional manner, an electric signal which will be applied to an electronic data processing circuit corresponding to the different functions of the portable object. This control circuit will then switch on the touch-sensitive keyboard keys, identify which of the touch-sensitive keys was activated by the user placing his finger on it, and ~~deduct~~ deduce the character or operation selected for one of other of he applications which it can control.

**Page 3, after the fourth full paragraph, insert and center**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.**

**Page 4, between the seventh and eighth paragraphs, insert and center**

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.**